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A Diſcourſe between JEST and EARNEST concerning the TIMES.

To be continued Weekly.

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Jeſt. NOW we have taken upon us the Defence of injured Innocence in our laſt, and abſolved the Clerk of St. *Andrew*'s Pariſh, of the moſt ſcandalous and falſeſt Accuſations, nothing is more certain than that our Trade that way will increaſe upon our Hands, and we ſhall not want Cuſtomers of that Nature, as appears from this Letter.

Earneſt. It comes from an honeſt Pariſhioner of St. *James*'s *Clerkenwell*, I perceive, who in pitty to the Diviſions that have ſo long diſtracted the Management of Affairs there, and in hopes of removing the Grounds and Occaſions thereof, has it in his Requeſt to us, to lay before the World the Caſe of one Clerk more, who Labours under far greater Oppreſſions than the other, and by how much the leſs able he is, to ſtruggle with Enemies that are Men of Figure and Condition, by ſo much the more ought to gain upon our Endeavour, to ſet his Hardſhips in a true Light.

Jeſt. Shall I read it out to you? Tho' the Contents of it, howſoever good the Purport of them may be, are long and tedious, and would take up full as much of our time as thoſe of another, directed from one *John Stevens* a Quaker, to Juſtice *Bulſtrode* Chairman at the Seſſions at *Hick's-Hall* about the ſame *Baſtard Child*, which was offer'd to be impos'd upon Mr. *Hopley*, and which this our *Aminadab* with mighty Groanings of the inward Man, complains is unjuſtly laid to him, by calling the Lord (*take his own Words and Manner of Spelling*) to Witneſs, " that ſerchis the Heart, and Triſe the Reins, whoſe penetrating " Eye runs thro' the Earth, behoulding the Evil and the Good, from home nothing can be hid, that he ſpeaketh the Truth, and that he lyes not, neither ever had carnall Knowledge of *any Woman* whatever. " He furthermore takes upon him to tell his Worſhip, " that he " had made ſome Excelamation to a Friend of " his againſt him; and that *Magiſtrates* ought " to be a *Turer* to evil *Duers*, and a Praiſe to " them that doe well; and not a *Turer* to well " *Duers*, and a Praiſe to the Evil. "

Earneſt. No more of ſuch inſignificant Traſh, which howſoever *innocent* it may diſcovers the Writer

Writer to be, is a moſt convincing Proof of his *Ignorance*. Neither will it be of any great Availance to repeat what is ſaid by our Correſpondent from *Clerkenwell*, ſince the Particulars therein cited are ſo well known to be Matters of Fact, from a Proceſs now on Foot in the Eccleſiaſtical Court, that I can clear them up without it.

Jeſt. Do ſo as you ſhall think fit. I ſhall acquieſce entirely in the Method you ſhall make Uſe of for this Sort of Service.

Earneſt. Some Time ſince, the Reverend the Curate incumbent of *St. James's Clerkenwell* Pariſh, for ſuch is the Miniſter in chief thereof ſtiled, finding the Infirmities of old Age to grow upon him, and ſtanding in need of an Aſſiſtant to the Diſcharge of the Duties of his Sacerdotal Office, contracted with one *Mr. Hendly* a young Clergyman, whoſe Abilities from his Proficiences in the Studies of Divinity, and whoſe inviolate Attachment to the Principles of the Church eſtabliſh'd, join'd to the Licenſe of the Biſhop of *London*, made him altogether unexceptionable, to officiate for him in reading Prayers *&c.* at a certain yearly Salary.

Jeſt. It is not to be doubted, but a Gentleman of Mr. *Pe[illegible]s* Generoſity, and good Diſpoſition for the handſome Maintainance of his Brethren the Inferior Clergy, gave into ſome Proviſion that was more than ordinary for his Subſiſtence, and Encouragement.

Earneſt. I ſhall not enter upon thoſe Particulars that farther than to acquaint you that a fix'd Sum was agree'd upon. Accordingly Mr. *Hendly* betook himſelf to the Performance of the Condi ions that were Articled on his Part, and finding a Remiſſneſs of Diſcipline, through a long Neglect of the Orders contain'd in the *Rubrick*, at his firſt Entrance into the Church, at the Celebration of the ſecond Service, went to the Altar and there read it.

Jeſt. This could give no manner of Offence ſurely, but to ſuch that are againſt all Altars whatſoever, and under Pretence of Diſſenting from ſet Forms of Prayers, and Places of Worſhip; for Conſcience Sake, are for no Altars at all.

Earneſt. You are highly miſtaken, as to that Point. The low Party took an immediate Alarm, eſpecially one whoſe Oaths and Obligations as a Clergyman of the Church of *England*, ought to have made him put on a quite diff.rent Face, who by the ſpeaking Trumpet of a Maſculine ſort of a Wife, was ſo very free with him, as to charge him with introducing new and unheard of Practices into that Church, and to tell him roundly in his Ear, that if ever he offer'd to do the like again, ſhe herſelf, her very individual ſelf, would pull off his Surplice over his Ears, even in the very Sacred Place, where he did it.

Jeſt. I hope the Gentleman ſo threatned, did not fear to try whether ſhe would be as good as her Word.

Earneſt. His Licenſe from the Biſhop before-named, ſet him above Apprehenſions of that Nature, and had fix'd him ſo, that he could not eaſily be removed. Hereupon the Artillery of her Reproaches how plentifully ſoever diſcharged from a Tongue that had been long exerciſed in the Art of Detraction and Calumny, was ſo far from beating him out of the Faſtneſſes of his Reſolutions to abide by the Rites and Uſages of the Church, ſet forth in her Canons, that he continued to go on as he had begun; maugre all Oppoſition from ſome few leading Men of Inhabitants; ſince he was poſſeſs'd of the Hearts of the Majority, who were ſo far from blaming a Gentleman that took more Pains for the good of their Souls than he was obliged to by the Contract before-mention'd, that they laid hold of all Occaſions to expreſs their Gratitude, for his Labours in their Behalf.

Jeſt. What ſaid old *Caiaphas* all this while? Was not his Cane erect in the Air? Had he none of his Bowling-Green Rants at his Tongue's End.

Earneſt. Aſſure your ſelf, nothing of that Kind was wanting. Yet as he knew himſelf Superannuated, and unable to make good his big Words that Way, he had Recourſe to another, and made Complaints to his *Dioceſan*, that Mr. *Hendly* had brought Innovations into his Church, which would cauſe great Diſtraction in his Pariſh.

Jeſt. The reading of the ſecond Service at the Altar, if it could be ſaid to have the Colour of any thing like it was but one. Where was there any other?

Earneſt. Where? In good Truth, the honeſt Man had been guilty of a very great one, in giving himſelf the Trouble of reading Prayers twice a Day, whereas it had been a Cuſtom before he came into the Deſk, to have them read but once.

Jeſt. What ſaid my Lord of *London* to all this?

this? The Complainant, no doubt of it, was ſent back with a Flea in his Ear.

Earneſt. Full as mortified as a *Whig* upon a *Reſtoration-Day*, ſince inſtead of gaining his Point he was told the Defendant's Example, as to the firſt Accuſation, ſhould be followed in all the Churches of his Lordſhip's Dioceſs, and was well worthy as to the *ſecond*, of being had in Imitation by all ſuch as undertook the Sacred Office of the Miniſtry.

Jeſt. All Things now went as they ſhould do. The Gentleman, from hence forth, was at full Liberty of going on as he had very piouſly begun.

Earneſt. He was not *directly* moleſted, but *indirectly* diſturb'd in the Proſecution of his good Intentions. For being diſappointed of getting rid of him one way, this Curate of Curates (for you are to underſtand he had Two under him, his very Reverend Son-in-Law, and the Gentleman we have been ſpeaking of) look'd out for another, which he was not long to ſeek for, and ended in detaining from him the Wages due to his Services.

Jeſt. A very notable Expedient on my Word. Pull a tyth Pig by the Tail, and he and the Perſon will both ſqueak.

Earneſt. But this would not do neither. The Gentleman had leſs Regard to the *Loaves* and *Fiſhes*, than the Salvation of thoſe he was deputed to have the Care of.

Jeſt. The Law would have redreſs'd that ſort of Grievance, and given him the Recovery of what was due to him.

Earneſt. So it did in the End (as you ſhall hear) if you'll have but Patience. His Perſeverance of this kind, nettled his Enemies ſo much, for I told you before he had powerful ones, beſides Mr. *Arch Curate* and his virtuous Son-in-Law, that they conven'd a *Veſtry*, ſuch a one as it was, drew up Articles againſt him, exhibited them in *Doctors Commons*, and proſecuted him there at the Suit and Charge of the Pariſh.

Jeſt. Not for reading Prayers twice a Day I preſume, and performing the ſecond Service at the Altar.

Earneſt. Not in thoſe very Terms, but for *Innovations*, *Male Practices*, and ſuch like, all which took their Riſe from, and were *Effects* of thoſe *Cauſes*.

Jeſt. What was the Iſſue of this redoubtable Suit?

Earneſt. Sub Iudice Lis eſt. The Matter is ſtill depending in the Eccleſiaſtical Court, which, with other Contingent Expences has lick'd him clear of well nigh Threeſcore Pounds. But the Iſſue in another Senſe, has been a long Fit of Sickneſs, from which contrary to all Human Expectation he is but very lately, happily recover'd, and during which a certain Clergyman that muſt be a Stranger to himſelf, if he is one to the Occaſion of it, was heard in a Viſit to him, at Prayers, to ſay, *good Lord, if it be thy bleſſed Will take him to thy ſelf.*

Jeſt. Becauſe he that offer'd up the Petition had enough of him.

Earneſt. True, ſo he had, ſome time after, For Mr. *H - - - ly* recover'd his full ſtipend with ten Pounds Coſt in the Biſhops Court, and tho' he has had a Bill in Chancery brought againſt him to obviate his Proceedings there, is like to diſmiſs it next Term.

Jeſt. But what's all this to the Pariſh Clerk *John Honeycoat* whom we began our Diſcourſe of?

Earneſt. The one Introduces the other. For as the firſt has been deem'd culpable by ſome People in the Exerciſe of his miniſterial Function, with all the Regularity that the Canons enjoin; ſo the ſecond for taking Part with him, and adhering ſtrictly to the Duties of his Office is under the ſame State of Perſecution.

Jeſt. Proſecution you mean. A Word out of Joint may Cauſe you to be truſs'd up, and called before your Betters.

Earneſt. What I have ſaid, I have ſaid.---- In a Word as thoſe that are endeavouring to deſpoil him of the Perquiſites whereby he has hitherto very induſtriouſly maintain'd himſelf, and Family, after a handſome Manner, have and muſt own, that no Man is capable of going through the Duties of his Office better than he as a *Clerk*? ſo few or none can equal him in the Diſcharge of the Truſt repos'd in him, as a Charity *School-Maſter*.

Jeſt. I have heard that one of the Articles exhibited againſt him, is for breeding up the Children that are under his Care in the Principles of Diſobedience to the preſent Government, and *Sedition*, &c.

Earneſt.

Earneſt. I am not talking of the Quakers *Charity-School* which is not only tolerated but encourag'd in the ſaid Pariſh, take my Word for it. So far is he from inculcating pernicious Doctrines, that he is daily exerciſed in teaching the quite contrary, having in his own Perſon, receiv'd his Education under the Superintendance of his Uncle the great Doctor *Scot*, whoſe *Chriſtian Life*, and other valuable Works, are ſo many ſhining Inſtances of his inviolate Attachment to the Service of his God and his lawful Sovereign.

Jeſt. You'll make a great Man of this *Pſalmody-monger*, and *Gerund-grinder* by and by.

Earneſt. I do him nothing but Juſtice, and muſt aver, that if inſtructing the little ones that are committed to his Guidance in the Grounds of the true Religion, and the Paths wherein they are to tread, by the Rules of the Church eſtabliſh'd; if teaching them their Duty to God, their Prince, their Neighbour and themſelves, and making them throughly vers'd in the Knowledge of what they are commanded to do by divine and humane Laws, is to breed them up in *Rebellion*, then may he be ſaid to be neither a good Chriſtian, a faithful Subject, or a tender Director of theſe innocent Children. But if the foregoing good Offices may be allow'd their proper Signification, it will appear from the publick Examinations held in the Pariſh four Times in the Year, and the prudent Management of the Truſtees, than whom no Charity School is provided with abler and better diſpoſed than that of *Clerkenwell*, that he is rather worthy of Praiſe and Encouragement than a malitious and unjuſt Proſecution, as both Mr. *H------ly*'s and his, if I have any Knowledge in the Eccleſiaſtical Laws, will appear in the Concluſion.

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